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Hydraulic oil spill reported in Morton County

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (NDDEQ) has been notified of a hydraulic oil spill resulting from a mechanical failure in an excavator at the Heskett Station in Morton County. Heskett Station is owned and operated by Montana Dakota Utilities.

The incident occurred about 2 miles north of Mandan on Oct. 22, and it was reported the same day.

Initial estimates indicate approximately 1 gallon of hydraulic oil was released near the Heskett Station water intake. The intake channel was immediately isolated using booms; however, a sheen was visible in the Missouri River. Personnel from the NDDEQ are inspecting the site and will continue to monitor the investigation and remediation.

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